

THE END OF IT ALL

RESUME OF SEASON 1950

By STUART BEATON (Secretary V.A.S.F.A.)

At the commencement of the season 39 clubs applied for affiliation to the V.A.S.F.A. and were accepted. This was an increase of ten clubs from last year and correspondingly the number of teams increased and the stage was set for a very competitive season with seven divisions operating. Three clubs were unable to continue owing to various reasons and the fixtures lists were reorganised.

The First Division proved to be a dog eat dog affair and at the end of the season some of the teams in the bottom half of the league were equally as strong as some in the top half. It was a pity that two clubs had to be relegated as they did not actually deserve that fate. Sunshine United were worthy premiers by reason of consistency.

In the Second Division Western Suburbs came from behind and romped off with the premiership, topping Yallourn only on the last match of the season. Once more South Melbourne finished third.

Fifers and White Eagles fought each other all the time in the Third Division (North) until finally Fifers edged to the top. Nobody will grudge its promotion as it had a capable side last year and was only denied promotion by the brilliance of George Cross and Juventus.

In the Third Division (South) J.U.S.T. proved to be the find of the year and met allcomers successfully. The team should prove to be a hard nut to crack in the Second Division and it is on the cards that it will be the first national team to reach the First Division. Its style of play has gained friends who appreciate good soccer.

In concluding the comments League's congratulations go to Park Rangers, Yallourn and Coburg whose Reserve teams topped their respective sections.

This afternoon will decide which teams will carry off the Dockerty Cup and the Reserve Cup. Each team has deservedly fought its way into the finals and has proved that the standard of play is better this season than last. Trophies will be presented to the players of the Cup-winning teams at a later date, while Pennants will be given to the premiers in each of the four senior leagues.

And so to next season. Many people are speculating on the prospects. Well, they are indeed bright. Seven new clubs have already applied for affiliation and more are expected. Geelong is definitely soccer minded now and Gippsland may see a new league formed. It is safe to prophesy that at least 80 teams will compete under the V.A.S.F.A. auspices as against 68 teams in 1950 and 48 in 1949.

Wireless broadcasts have increased this year and will continue to do so and it is possible that the newspapers may follow suit. "Soccer News" has been accepted as a vital part of the V.A.S.F.A. organisation, and it is far and away the best soccer paper in Australia.

Lastly, readers, spare a thought for the members of the nine committees of the V.A.S.F.A. who have given much of their spare time to the efficient running of the Association throughout the year. Thanks are also due to the club presidents, committees and secretaries of each club who have pulled their weight and make the Saturday afternoons so full of pleasure.



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DOCKERTY CUP FINAL



Box Hill v. Moreland

AT OLYMPIC PARK
KICK-OFF 3 P.M.

CURTAIN-RAISER

RESERVE CUP FINAL

YALLOURN (Res.) v. SOUTH YARRA (Res.)
KICK-OFF 1.15 P.M.

SUNSHINE UNITED



FIRST DIVISION PREMIERS 1950

Left to Right: Mr. J. Penlerick, "Jock" Taylor, J. Hunter, B. Doherty, J. Roberts, R. Clayton, A. Kyle, W. Evans, J. Campbell.
Front Row: A. Harraden, Les. Bird, A. Drennan, Lin. Bird, R. Lowe.

EDITORIAL

This year it can safely be said that the Cup Final will be a ding-dong struggle. Box Hill and Moreland, two teams which play two entirely different styles of football, are contestants in today's main game. He would be a bold man who had the temerity to try and pick the winner in advance.

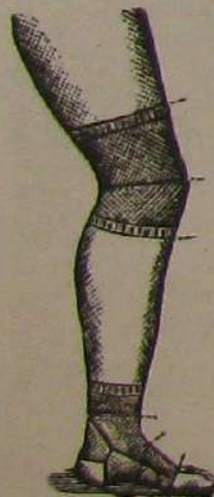
Coming as it does at the close of the season, this Cup Final will see out the greatest Soccer year that Victoria has had since the war, and a good many years previously. Next season we can confidently expect an even more successful year as it is expected that a new League will be formed in Gippsland and plans are well under way also on the formation of another country league in the Goulburn Valley.

The efforts this year of the Junior Association in promoting Sunday Soccer have put that body on a sound financial basis. That the innovation has been well received has been proved by the substantial gates. This season also we have endeavoured to make "Soccer News" into a paper that the game can be proud of. We hope that you have liked it, for it has taken quite a lot of time and work to bring the transformation about. Next year we hope to improve it further and as a start we shall be running a short series of articles by famed English winger, Tom Finney. This series we have already received, but unfortunately too late for inclusion this season.

The game this year has received better publicity than formerly in the Press and also through the efforts of popular Teddy Lowe over the air. At this stage it is fitting to pay tribute to all the "Back Room" boys of the club committees who do so much to make it all possible, and to my colleagues of the Council, Messrs. White and Searle, who have helped me so much on this paper.

Lastly, I think that most of us realise how fortunate this Association has been in its choice of secretary. Coming along as he did at a difficult time, when the game was expanding rapidly, Stuart Beaton, that dynamic little man, quickly grasped the reins and it is to him very largely that we owe the smooth running of this Association.

Also I think that some of this smooth running can be attributed to the fact that this Association is a pretty united body. We have our little "ups" and our little "downs", but we get over them and forget them. It can truly be said that the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association — both the controlling body and the clubs — is a very happy family. For season 1950 "Soccer News" bids you "good-bye". We hope that in 1951 you will be with us in even greater crowds.



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SECOND DIVISION PREMIERS 1950

Relegated last year to Second Division. Promoted after one year back to First Division.

Left to Right: R. White (com.), C. Taylor (com.), C. Armstrong (com.), H. Tribe, C. Thorrington, G. Thorrington, A. Whitmore, J. Klimsek, R. Hardy (com.), T. Higgins, J. Haxby (com.), E. Short (com.).

Front Row: F. Cox, A. Emblin, B. Johnson, A. Branagh, J. Denison.

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FIFERS



THIRD DIVISION (North) PREMIERS 1950

Promoted to Second Division next season.

Left to Right: Mr. R. Petrie (Committee), W. Bushrod, J. McLean, P. Finn, R. Morgan, P. Oastler, S. Agnew, Mr. J. Beveridge (Trainer).

Front Row: E. Walker, C. Beveridge, L. Chapple, H. Morgan, J. Vosper.



SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL GAMES

By RALPH WHITE

The local Sunday international competition was brought to a successful conclusion on Sunday when Yugoslavia triumphed over Australia by four goals to nil. The Yugoslav team was superior in every stage of the game and fully deserved its victory. In the previous round it had to overcome the strong Great Britain side, which was an outstanding achievement for a team comprised entirely of third division players. The majority of the players come from the J.U.S.T. club and this team has thus gone through the season undefeated.

Much credit is due to Mr. Jock Parker, president of the Junior Association, which was responsible for organising this competition and thus providing entertainment for many people on Sunday afternoons. That there is ample scope for Sunday soccer in Melbourne has been amply proved by the large crowds attending these games. The players who have taken part in these games have helped greatly to make them a success, especially as in many cases it has meant two hard games on successive days.

Thanks are due to Mr. D. H. Laidlaw, the president of Ringwood Soccer Club, for his generous gesture in presenting a cup for the winners and souvenirs for both teams, referee and linesmen. The presentation was made by the donor.

The continuance and success of this tournament in future years would seem assured.

J. U. S. T.



THIRD DIVISION (South) PREMIERS 1950

This fine Yugoslav national team was unbeaten in competition throughout the season and earned promotion to Division Two next year.

Left to Right: Mr. Ivon Kuketz (President), E. Kuketz, V. Caldarevic, M. Plecko, P. Pechout, P. Vidovic, G. Petohazi, T. Jovanovic, K. Roubel, Mr. D. Mihailovic (Trainer).

Kneeling: M. Milosevic, J. Senisin, G. Rakic.



NATIONAL SOCCER TEAMS

By E. SARTORI

Before discussing National Teams, we must look at the Australian scene as it is today. The Australian way of life, with the influx of new Australians, is changing daily before our eyes. These new Australians have to adapt themselves to new conditions; at the same time Australians also have to make concessions, so that the two peoples can live amicably side by side in the Australia of tomorrow.

The change of nationality from say Italian, Maltese or Yugoslav to Australian is a gradual process and cannot occur overnight. Even when the change is over, they always retain some characteristics and customs of their former country.

These soccer clubs are an outcome of this new Australian scene. These people, eager to be Australians, yet wishing to retain some particular aspect regarding their native land, in this case soccer, get together and form clubs, which in most cases are not restricted only to the one nationality. Playing with fellow countrymen makes them recall the days when first they mastered the handling of a soccer ball.

During the last few years we have seen several national clubs spring up in Victoria and also at the same time some of the clubs have been involved in incidents which have led to bad publicity for soccer in general. We must not, however, jump to conclusions and say national teams are bad, but we must investigate the cause of these incidents.

In Europe "heavy" play and doubtful umpiring are not tolerated either by players or spectators. Also unnecessary impediment of players, particularly the goalkeeper, tends to general discontent. All these causes put together can so

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TO-DAY'S FINALISTS

BOX HILL



Left to Right: L. Hutchinson, C. Brown, A. Goddard, J. Nicholson, J. Holborn.
Front Row: G. Murfoot, J. Neil, W. Tester, J. McDonald, T. Davis, R. McFeeters.

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THE STORY OF BOX HILL

Formed in 1920 by migrants from the "Old Dart" Box Hill have ever since remained one of the "powers" in Victorian soccer. First ground the club used was in Whitehorse Road, but nowadays one finds them at Surrey Park, where they have been located since 1939. Like most clubs Box Hill was hit by the depression and later by the second world war. In 1940 only six members attended the annual general meeting. However, these hardy souls voted unanimously that the club should not disband and between them rebuilt the club. The six men, by the way, are still with the club. They are Messrs. A. McKellar, J. Fox, J. Bailey, W. Weston, A. McKellar, junr., and F. Smith.

During the war years, when support was nil, the club was in abeyance, but immediately hostilities ceased Box Hill once more was to the fore in rebuilding the game.

Always anxious to bring the youngsters into the game, Box Hill is prominent in the junior associations with teams in every section. The club takes the long range view that today's juniors may be tomorrow's internationals. The first team is a good mixture with a sprinkling of overseas stars, including Bob McFeeters, club coach and captain, and a nucleus of locally trained boys. Jack Holborn, commencing with the club at the age of 13, is now not only one of the finest left-backs in Victoria, as well as being coach of the Under 14 side.

Always a fast team on the ball Box Hill is a typical cup-fighting side and will be on its mettle today.

PEN PORTRAITS OF BOX HILL PLAYERS

- 1.—**Alec Goddard (Goal).**—Born in Scotland; played with Royal Navy team during the war. A handy player for club selectors as he is also a useful right-back and half-back.
- 2.—**Lester Hutchinson (Right-back).**—Local boy. A dashing and versatile player, has represented Box Hill in many positions.
- 3.—**Jack Holborn (vice-captain, Left-back).**—Has played with Box Hill since the age of 13 years. A consistent and sometimes brilliant player he has narrowly missed representative honours on several occasions.
- 4.—**George Murfoot (Right-half).**—A new player this year from N.S.W. where he played with British Ex-Imperials in Southern League.
- 5.—**Cyril Brown (Centre-half).**—Played with English professional club, Crystal Palace, and R.N. teams, and joined Box Hill in 1947. Brilliant centre-half, he is now at peak of his form.
- 6.—**Bill Tester (Left-half).**—Ex-Box Hill junior, he represented Victoria against South Australia in 1947 under 19 team. A hard man to beat who plays the full 90 minutes.
- 7.—**Jim Neil (Outside-right).**—Born in Scotland where he played with Woodside Amateurs in Glasgow. Played in N.S.W. with Southern League Club, Concord. Cool customer, with excellent ball control.
- 8.—**Jimmy Nicholson (Inside-right).**—Played last season with Brighton, transferred this year to Box Hill. Local lad who learned the game with South Melbourne. Solid, dashing forward.
- 9.—**Jim McDonald (Centre-forward).**—Played with Lochgelly Alberts in Scotland and R.A.F. teams. Second season with Box Hill. Great opportunist and prolific goal scorer.
- 10.—**Tom Davis (Inside-left).**—Came from English Third Division (North) side, Gateshead, to Box Hill this year. Polished footballer, his form is most consistent.
- 11.—**Bob McFeeters (captain, Outside-right).**—Played with Mearn's Amateurs in Scotland before joining Box Hill two years ago. Now coaches team. Played for Australia v. Yugoslavia in Adelaide 1949 and for Victoria v. South Australia this year, scoring three goals in that game.
- 12.—**Bert Nicholson (Reserve).**—Also from Brighton this season like brother Jimmy. Solid back and hard man to beat.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TEAMS—(Contd. from Page 5)

demoralise a team that a climax is more or less inevitable. If the play were kept hard, and at the same time clean, incidents would be less frequent.

We can look on these clubs as a blessing to soccer. Besides increasing the gate takings, these clubs lend an air of carnival and colour. Many nations have their own style of play and this we can see today in the short pass style, the strong teamwork, and spectacular style, each a trade mark of a particular country. These teams at the same time tend to make Australians more internationally minded. This in itself is essential to a country which is so isolated from other countries.

Australia, for its size, is undoubtedly one of the foremost nations in the world of sport. From Australians these clubs can learn how to win or lose honourably, to obey strictly the umpire and the "three cheers" after the game for both winner and loser.

Finally, as sportsmen, we must always bear in mind that sport has no barriers of race, colour or creed.

TO-DAY'S FINALISTS

MORELAND



Back Row (left to right): P. Clarke, M. Lock, J. Kennedy, T. Bennett, J. Murray, A. Nolan.
Front Row: H. Grix, J. Sharp, R. Greenslades, R. Hardmann, J. Fairweather.

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THE TALE OF MORELAND

In 1934 a breakaway from the then Brunswick Soccer Club resulted in the formation of the Moreland Club. Founders of the new club were Messrs. Masson, Strang and Gillan.

In its first three years the club had the extraordinary record of being third, second, and finally first division premiers. They have won the Dockerty Cup twice, the first division five times, and until this season have never suffered relegation. They are one of the few teams to pull off the coveted double — Cup and League — in one season. Another unique point about the club is the fact that the Moreland committee is almost entirely composed of players who direct their own affairs. Patrons of the club include Harry Hopman and Tommy Trinder.

Since the war Moreland have run no junior teams, but the club intends to look after this so necessary angle next season. The local school has already been contacted and is interested in the idea.

Moreland's league record this year has been a poor one, only one game having been won, partly due to injuries. As a cup side Moreland is scarcely recognisable as the same team. Spectators today can rest assured that the brand of football Moreland will turn on will ensure the best entertainment that followers of the game have had for years.

HOW THEY WILL LINE UP

DOCKERTY CUP FINAL

BOX HILL

- (1) Goddard
(2) Hutchinson (3) Holborn
(4) Murfoot (5) Brown (6) Tester
(7) Neil (8) Nicholson (9) McDonald (10) Davis (11) McFeeters (capt.)

- (11) Fairweather (10) Hardmann (capt.) (9) Greenslades (8) Sharp (7) Grix
(6) Nolan (5) Kennedy (4) Lock
(3) Murray (2) Clarke

(1) Bennett

MORELAND

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PEN PORTRAITS OF MORELAND PLAYERS

- 1.—**Bennett (goal).**—Newcomer to Moreland this season, arriving in Australia only last March. Hails from Sunderland (England) where he played with Furness Athletic.
- 2.—**Clarke (Right-back).**—Also a newcomer, from Fifeshire. Has only been in Australia three months. Played in Scotland with amateur side, Dundonald Bluebell.
- 3.—**Murray (Left-back).**—Irishman from Belfast. Arrived in Victoria nine months ago and is now in his first season with Moreland. Played intermediate grade football in Belfast.
- 4.—**Lock (Right-half).**—Australian-born. Learned soccer with University High school; played four years with South Melbourne United; transferred four years ago to Moreland.
- 5.—**Kennedy (Centre-half).**—Played Scott'sh professional football with Clyde, later with crack English side, Leicester City. Played Right-back for Victoria versus Yugoslavia and tied up the visitors' left wing. One of Victoria's best footballers.
- 6.—**Nolan (Left-half).**—Another newcomer to Australia, arriving three months ago from Clackmanan (Scotland), where he played with the British Legion amateur side.
- 7.—**Grix (Outside-right).**—Local lad. Learned football with Preston Tech. school; played for Victoria versus Yugoslavia last year and scored the State's first goal when the side was two goals down; improves each year and combines excellently with his inside men.
- 8.—**Sharp (Inside-right).**—Arrived in Victoria last February from Scotland. Had two trials with famous Scottish amateur side, Queen's Park, and also with Dumfermline. Perfect foil to Grix.
- 9.—**Greenslades (Centre-forward).**—Welshman from Swansea. Arrived in Australia last January; played in Wales with local side, Scarborough.
- 10.—**Hardmann (Inside-right).**—Born in South Africa, where he played five years interstate with the Union and with Caledonians Club. Inside-right last year for Victoria versus Yugoslavia. Scored the State's second goal and made long driving pass from which Wilson scored the third and equalising goal; had excellent shots from all angles.
- 11.—**Fairweather (Outside-left).**—Born in Scotland but arrived in Australia at the age of two years. Learned soccer at Preston Tech. school; played five years with Moreland; represented Victoria in exhibition game at Morwell versus Royal Navy in 1945.

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YALLOURN SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB

Today completes a very successful and pleasant season for the Yallourn Club, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the social and general committees for the grand job done to make this season the great success it has been.

To players of the senior, reserve and junior teams, I wish to thank and congratulate for the fine spirit they have shown towards their club on and off the field, and hope they will remain with us for many seasons to come.

I would also like to wish teams playing in all three Cups the best of luck and in each case may the best team win.—F. W. DADD, Hon. Sec.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTERS



The International Harvesters side which, together with Geelong Celtic, has this season done so much to popularise soccer in Geelong.

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THE SPREAD OF SOCCER

By V. J. M. DIXON

All over Victoria during the 1950 season rumours of new clubs have been heard. That there is a definite movement in many country centres we are fairly positive, but in the City of Geelong the rumours finally became certainties with the result that the season started with Geelong Celtic in the Third Division (North). Hardly had the competition got into its stride than a second Geelong club, International Harvesters, applied for admission to the League. With the withdrawal of a reserve team, room was found for these enthusiasts (featured above), so that two Geelong teams played throughout the season. Celtic finished fifth in the Third Division (North), while Harvesters, with one game less, finished one point behind — in sixth place. It is expected that next year several other clubs will be formed in the Corio area. One has already applied for membership. Let us hope that Geelong — once a stronghold of soccer — will again become one of the foremost centres outside Melbourne and popularise our code.

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT SEPTEMBER 16, 1950

	First Division						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine United	18	15	0	3	47	23	30
Box Hill	17	9	3	5	53	33	21
Sandringham City	18	8	5	5	38	37	21
Brighton	18	8	3	6	45	33	19
South Yarra	18	6	6	6	35	37	18
Prahran	18	8	2	8	37	39	18
Footscray City	18	7	3	8	27	37	17
Park Rangers	18	7	1	10	27	30	15
Hakoah	18	6	2	10	38	52	14
Moreland	17	1	3	13	20	46	5

MORELAND v. BOX HILL still to be played. Other league tables are completed as shown in the last two weeks' issues.

JUNIOR SECTION

VICTORIA "UNDER 14"



The Victorian (under 14) team which made such a great name for itself on tour in N.S.W., as described below by J. Olsen.

Left to Right: D. Lea, D. Smith, R. Bedford, R. Hartley, I. Petherick (capt.), H. Deucher, M. Pepper, R. Rowton.
Front Row: I. Hateley, H. Marson, J. Orr, T. Bellott, J. Fairweather, D. Hodgson.

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VICTORIAN SCHOOLBOYS DO WELL IN N.S.W.

By J. A. OLSEN

During a recent visit to New South Wales as manager of the Victorian Schoolboys' team, which took part in the 1950 Australian Schoolboys' Carnival, I was impressed with the performance of our own Victorian schoolboys compared with that of the two recognised soccer States, New South Wales and Queensland.

In these two States, soccer is a recognised sport in all State schools, and is played extensively in most public schools and other non-government schools. With this in mind, one would naturally think that Victoria's chances of winning the title in one of these carnival series would be very poor indeed, but however, from my observations, I am convinced that had the Victorians had bigger boys in their forward line, which would have enabled them to press their attacks more effectively against the much bigger and stronger N.S.W. players, they not only would have brought home the title, but would have come home undefeated. The Victorian boys played the best tactical football of the three States competing. Had they had the speed to combine with their clever play, most observers of the carnival matches informed me that the results would have been different. Newcastle people were amazed at the performance of the Victorians, and stated after the game that it was the first time in 20 years that Newcastle had been defeated by a touring side. Newcastle had the week before just returned from a visit to the South Coast, where they had beaten a combined South Coast team, and a combined Sydney team. Victoria beat Sydney 3-1, and should have beaten the South Coast had they followed out the instructions of their coach, Mr. Arthur Scott. However, they only lost 4-3, which was a credit to them. Other results were: A draw against Queensland, 2-2; a win against Newcastle, 3-2; and a defeat against New South Wales, 4-1.

Whilst in Sydney, a conference of all State managers was held, and it was agreed that the 1951 carnival should be held in Melbourne.

JUNIOR SECTION—(Contd.)

VICTORIA "UNDER 19"



The Under 19 side which went to Adelaide to play South Australia in the annual Skolnik Cup match as described by Bob Dixon.

Back Row (left to right): J. Lawson, M. Williams, R. Dixon, G. Pritchard, D. McLean, W. Stevenson, Brown, Mr. J. Rickerby (Manager).
Middle Row: J. Hartley, C. Cullen (capt.), R. Hill, H. Dimond.
Front Row: G. Stiles, T. Crosbie.

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SKOLNIK CUP QUEST

By BOB DIXON

Victorian junior soccer enthusiasts will be interested to know of the wonderful time given the members of the Victorian junior under 19 side by the South Australian Junior Association during the visit to Adelaide to play for the Skolnik Cup.

Arriving in Adelaide on Monday, August 21, at 10.30 a.m., a very warm welcome was given by members of the South Australian Junior Association including Jack Lindhurst, secretary, and George Wallace, coach, of the S.A. junior side. The Victorians were then taken to the various billets and the rest of the morning was spent unpacking and settling in.

Later, at radio station 5AD, the Victorians were interviewed for a broadcast of the S.A. Kia-Ora Sports Parade.

That evening a welcome was held at the Tramways. Several good items were put on and they were topped off with a sing-song and an excellent supper.

Tuesday morning was free, and in the afternoon the team was taken to Mortlock Park in Col. Light Gardens for practice.

That evening was kept free as the midweek match was to be held the following day and Mr. Rickerby, manager, ordered an early night.

The team met at Mortlock Park again on Wednesday and kicked off at 2.30 p.m. Our lads proved to be more direct in attack and took their chances in front of goal and made good use of them, with the result they were leading 2-0 at half-time. The first goal was kicked by W. Stevenson at centre-forward, and the second by Brown, the left-winger. In the second half the S.A. lads went all out and proved to be a lot faster on the ball than our chaps; however, the finish in front of goal was poor. The Victorian boys increased their lead when a corner from the right wing was miskicked by the S.A. left-back and the Victorian skip-

JUNIOR SECTION—(Contd.)

per, C. Cullen, at inside-right, first-timed into the net. South Australia's only goal resulted when the ball came loose from a scrimmage in which the goalkeeper, G. Pritchard, was unable to reach the ball and the centre-forward put it in the net past R. Dixon, who was covering the goal. The game ended with the score 3-1.

That evening the Victorian team was taken to a picture show by the S.A. Junior Association and this was enjoyed by all.

On Thursday there were a bus tour to Mt. Bold reservoir, and in the evening a dance at the Palais Royal.

On Friday at the Birkala Rovers' ground at Camden there was another practice, and the evening was free.

Saturday morning, when training on Glenelg beach, the boys were cheered by the arrival of "Soccer News" party from Victoria. In the afternoon at the British Tube Mills ground they saw the returning Australian team from South Africa play South Australia.

The Australians proved far superior to the South Australians, and beat them 6-0. The play of Gordon Nunn, Alan Johns and Tom Jack, of the Australian team, was impressive.

That evening they were guests of the Junior Association at a radio show at 5AK.

On Sunday the weather was excellent but a little too hot for football. The game was held at B.T.M.'s ground, one of the best bits of turf I have seen either in Victoria or South Australia.

From the start of the game it was obvious that the strenuous doings of the week had told on our lads. They were unable to settle down. South Australia drew first blood when our goalkeeper was unable to hold a cross from the right wing and John Forrest drove it in from point-blank range.

They scored again when the right winger put a shot right across to the far corner and catching the goalkeeper on the wrong foot. Then a long pass to Hartley on the right wing by Dixon was slipped through nicely to Cullen, who ran through and put a hard drive past the goalkeeper, giving the Victorians their only goal.

Half-time came with the score still the same and it looked as though we could still win. In the second half the S.A. boys proved their superiority; their two inside-forwards split our defence up with quick interchanging of positions, and with well directed ground passes. Their defence managed to keep our forwards very quiet. From then on our chaps seemed to lose heart and the final whistle found the score at 5-1.

Mr. Rowley, president of the senior association, presented the cup and delivered a very nice speech.

Monday was free and the chaps spent most of the day having a final look around town.

At 6.45 that evening we departed for home, a little disappointed but cheering ourselves with the thought that there is always next year.

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WHAT I THINK OF SOCCER

By CARL DONALDSON (First Year Player, under 14)

Soccer is a great international game. It is unequalled with its supporters throughout the world. It is the greatest worry to the "Big Shots" of Aussie Rules of any sport.

When played well it is a clean, fast game with thrilling finishes. It gives chances for schoolboys up to men to go interstate, and it is an up and coming game in Australia.

When I first started soccer I had no idea what fun it is, but it is great fun and has all the advantages of picnics, interstate visits and free coaching in the greatest game on earth.

JUNIOR SECTION—(Contd.)

YALLOURN (UNDER 19)



Yallourn's Unbeaten Juniors

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Before season 1950 closes we would like to introduce our "Soccer News" readers to the unconquerable Yallourn junior team.

After a fair beginning in 1947, it has built up to be the best junior team for seasons 1949 and 1950. This year the team has not yet lost a game (going one better than last year's side), and the astute leadership of G. Edmondson, coaching by C. McOscar, together with team enthusiasm, have been a few of the telling factors. The team so far has not only beaten all League and Cup teams, but also led the Victorian junior and crack Charlestown (N.S.W.) teams a merry dance and beat them to the tune of 3-2 and 3-1 respectively.

A superb defence in K. Powell, G. Edmondson and J. Saxelby has been one of the outstanding features of this team and the registering of only six goals against it speaks for itself. The half-back line, consisting of I. Stephens, P. O'Neill and J. Lawson, has given all visiting forward lines a torrid time as well as making goalward openings for its own forwards. In this sharpshooting and blinding forward line there are C. Cullen, H. Saxelby, G. McWilliams, A. Marr and J. Brown, and this combination has brought its tally to the half century mark. Capable reserves in R. Pollock and F. Marr have shown their adaptabilities in filling responsible positions.

Yallourn has now won its way into the final of the Junior Cup and if it can win will have gained the "coveted double" two years running. Irrespective of this result, the team has conducted itself admirably, and together with the other Yallourn teams, have completed the most successful season in Yallourn's soccer history.